

**PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

JUNE 25, 26 and 27, 1964.

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in Alexandria, Louisiana, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 25, 26 and 27, 1964, at the Holiday Inn Motel.

Thursday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, the preparation of the Agenda for the Public Meeting and general department matters.

The public meeting was held on Friday, June 26, 1964, at 10 A.M., at the Holiday Inn Motel, Alexandria, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Whatley, who stated that Mayor Bowdon usually attends the meetings and hearings when they take place in Alexandria, but he was unable to be present today, and he requested Chairman Whatley to extend to the Commission personnel and the visitors to the city his best wishes for a successful meeting.

Chairman Whatley said - "I would like to introduce the members of the Board who are present at this meeting - -

Ray Whatley, Chairman

John Edwin Kyle, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

H. B. Fairchild (Absent on Thursday & Saturday)

Absent:

John Paul Crain (Present on Thursday and Saturday)

James J. Frey "

Chairman Whatley then introduced Commission personnel

present:

J. D. Hair, Jr., Director

Richard K. Yancey, Assistant Director

Dr. Lyle St. Amant, Chief, Oysters,
Water Bottoms & Seafoods
Division

Allan Ensminger, Chief, Refuge Division

Kenneth Smith, Assistant Chief, Fish & Game
Division

Robert Lafleur, Chief, Water Pollution Control
Division

Steve Harmon, Chief, Education & Publicity Div.

Leonard Hew, Chief, Enforcement Division

Ted O'Neil, Chief, Fur Division

Harry H. Howard, Legislative Attorney

Chairman Whatley called L. Richard Fleming, former Vice-Chairman of the Board, who was present, to sit with the Commission for the meeting.

Chairman Whatley stated - "We are holding our regular monthly meeting at this time; we will hold it first; then, we will go into our Hearings for the seasons and bag limits."

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings held on May 25 and 26, 1964, were dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

The next item on the Agenda was acceptance of contract No. 5437 to Morrison Engineering Company.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor and he stated that this contract was for the construction of a fence around a 2000 acre goose pasture on Rockefeller Refuge. He stated that this project was carried out in an effort to develop a flock of Canada Geese in Cameron Parish. He stated that previously we had secured about 70 Canadian geese from Horicon, Wisconsin, and that this small flock has produced a large number of young. It is hoped that similar success will be experienced from the large number of birds from Missouri, and he recommended acceptance of the contract.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5437, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company, for the construction of a fence around a goose pasture, Lake No. 2, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve, in Cameron Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company, under Contract No. 5437, with said Commission, dated December 2, 1963, be and the same is hereby accepted, and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action of the Director, under date of June 10, 1964, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to acceptance of contract No. 5358.

Dr. St. Amant stated that according to the Louisiana Department of Public Works' records, the contract time for this project expired on Oct. 21, 1964; that this work was initiated on May 13, 1963 and finished on May 22, 1964;

that they had received a request from the contractor for an extension of time to the date of acceptance.

Dr. St. Amant stated this work was supervised by a project engineer of the Department of Public Works and was inspected three times by the Federal Aid Regional Engineer, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Atlanta, Georgia, with his final inspection being on June 11, 1964. The Federal Aid Regional Engineer found the work to be acceptable and appeared to be well pleased with it. The work was checked a number of times during construction and found to be quite acceptable in accordance with plans and specifications, and accordingly, he recommended that acceptance of the contract and extension of time be granted to June 26, 1964.

On motion of Mr. Duquet, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5358, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Thompson Construction Company, Contractor for the construction of a Dormitory Building and a Duplex Building on Grand Terre Island, Jefferson Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Thompson Construction Company, Contractor, under Contract No. 5358, dated March 27, 1963, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana.

The next item on the Agenda was relative to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Chairman Whatley pointed out that according to Louisiana Statutes the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is Ex-Officio member of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and requested that Mr. J. D. Hair Jr., Director be so named to serve on this Commission.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Duquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS Louisiana Revised Statutes 56:44 of 1948 designated that the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission shall be an ex-officio member of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. J. D. Hair, Jr.

Director, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission,
be named to serve on this Commission.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to
application of T.L.James & Company.

Dr. St. Amant read the following application from
T. L. James & Company, dated June 8, 1964:

"We request your approval, with such if any
modification you may deem essential, of our
proposed dredging in the Mississippi River -
Mile 108 AHP - along the left bank between levee
stations 6348+70 and 6415+10, in Jefferson Parish,
Louisiana.

"The proposed dredging is outlined on the
enclosed print.

"We will appreciate a letter of consent from
you for our doing this dredging. This letter to
be furnished us for our delivery to the U.S.Army
Engineer District, New Orleans, or sent directly
to them with copy of same to us.

"Thanking you for your consideration in this
request, we are,

Very truly yours,

T. L. JAMES & COMPANY INC.

(SIGNED) George D. Williams
Vice-President"

Dr. St. Amant stated that T. L. James & Company re-
quested a letter of no objection to dredge fill material
in the Mississippi River, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana,
at Mile 108 AHP along the left bank between levee stations
6348 and 6415.

Dr. St. Amant stated upon examination of this request for no objection, it was determined that the material being dredged was to be used in highway construction. T. L. James and Company was informed that such dredging and use of fill material would necessitate a dredging permit from the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and the dredged material would be subject to regular severance. T. L. James and Company requested that this letter be considered a letter of application for a permit and since they hold other permits from us and did meet all specifications set forth by this Commission for such operations, it was recommended that permit be granted.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from T. L. James and Company for a permit to dredge fill material in the Mississippi River, Jefferson Parish, at Mile 108 AHP, along the left bank between levee stations 6348 and 6415, be granted, subject to all rules and regulations of this Commission and that the Director be authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Yancey stated that for a number of years Louisiana

has been badly in need of wild live-trapped turkeys for restocking purposes; that a number of trapping efforts had been made in the State; however, these were largely fruitless due to low existing populations of turkeys, as well as local resentment against removing turkeys from one area for release purposes elsewhere in the State.

He said - "We have attempted to secure wild turkey from other states in the southeast; however, we have been unable to do so until this time. Several weeks ago, a possible trade of Louisiana deer for Florida turkey was suggested to Mr. Earle Frye, Jr., Assistant Director, with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. He, in turn, submitted our request to his Commission and they finally agreed to supply Louisiana with fifty turkeys in exchange for deer.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission enter into an agreement with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission to exchange fifty (50) wild live-trapped turkeys for Louisiana deer for restocking purposes in our Game Management Areas on a two for one basis, as outlined by the Florida Commission.

Chairman Whatley introduced Mr. A. C. Glassell, who was the first Chairman of the Commission, and who represented this State in many National Wildlife Organizations.

Chairman Whatley stated that Mr. Glassell was also Vice-Chairman of the Board of Ducks Unlimited and he stated he asked Mr. Glassell to attend the meeting today to accept our annual contribution to Ducks Unlimited from monies received from the sale of hunting licenses in conformity with Act 190 of 1960. The check was in the amount of \$50,000; however, an additional and final payment will be made after all of the license receipts have been compiled.

Mr. Glassell took the floor and stated that Ducks Unlimited was very proud to accept the check and the Commission could be assured that from his many years of experience, the money would return great results in the preservation and development of waterfowl habitat. He said - "I am sure you know about the ducks we had last year, and from all indications, we should have more this year. We have excellent conditions in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and if we get some rains later, we will have an abundance of ducks this year. Ducks Unlimited is spending this money wisely."

Chairman Whatley stated - "On behalf of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, I present you this check."

Mr. Glassell thanked the Commission and accepted the check for Ducks Unlimited.

Mr. Allan Ensminger was called to the floor relative to report on water management at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Ensminger stated that at the May meeting of the Board, we received a request to cut around or remove the weirs in East Constance Bayou and Little Pigeon Bayou from Dr. M. O. Miller and others. At that time, the Board passed a resolution instructing the Refuge Division to study the water drainage problems and to man the Roll-over Bayou structure on a 24-hour basis to see if adequate drainage could be allowed without removing the weirs. This has been done and the structures were opened only on periods of low tide in the Gulf, and they were found to be adequate for the drainage in question.

Mr. Ensminger stated, for this reason, it is recommended that the request to remove the weirs be denied.

On motion of Mr. Huquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the Commission accepted Mr. Ensminger's report, and the request for the removal of the weirs was denied.

There being no further business to come before the

Board, on motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Kyle,
the meeting adjourned. The Public Hearing on recom-
mendations for seasons and bag limits to convene at 2 P.M.


J. D. Hair Jr., Director & Secretary